

Amendment to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 9, at line 17 as follows:

The retractor 26 further includes a spool 34. The spool 34 has a cylindrical axle 66, a first support wall 68, and a second support wall 70. The first and second support walls 68 and 70 help to maintain seat belt webbing 20 on the spool 34 in an orderly manner. As is shown with reference to Fig. 2, a portion of the spool 34 is a one-piece structure that is not formed from separate structures secured together. The portion of the spool that is the one-piece structure forms at least part of the axle 66 and the first and second support walls 68 and 70.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 10, at line 12 as follows:

The second support wall 70 is located between the first support wall 68 and the second terminal end 74 of the axle 66. The distance between the first support wall 68 and the second support wall 70 is slightly less than the width of the back wall 46 of the frame 44, but slightly greater than a width of the seat belt webbing 20. The second support wall 70 is also disk shaped and has a radius that is slightly greater than the radius of the first support wall 68. The

second support wall 70 has an inner surface 80 and an outer surface 82. The outer surface 82 of the second support wall 70 includes a plurality of teeth 84 (Fig. 3) that extend in a circular array around the periphery of the second support wall 70. As shown in Fig. 2, teeth 84 are formed integrally on the one-piece structure of the spool 34. Fig. 2 illustrates two of the teeth 84 of the circular array. The two teeth 84 illustrated in Fig. 2 are located on diametrically opposite sides of the axle 66 from one another. The second support wall 70 forms a part of a gear assembly 86 (Fig. 2) as will be described in detail below. A portion of the axle 66, constituting approximately one-third of the axial length of the axle 66 and including the second terminal end 74, extends outwardly along axis A beyond the outer surface 82 of the second support wall 70.